

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows. Please cancel claims 5-15 and 18 without prejudice to continued prosecution. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An exogenously-flavored *Salvadora persica* stick.
2. (Original) The flavored *S. persica* stick of claim 1, wherein said flavoring is selected from the group consisting of beef, pork, fish, bacon, liver, and tuna flavorings.
3. (Currently Amended) A *S. persica* stick comprising one or more exogenous medicines, one or more exogenous vitamins, one or more exogenous nutrients, or [[a]] an exogenous flavoring.
4. (Original) The *S. persica* stick of claim 3, wherein said medicine is an antibiotic.
- 5-15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) A product for chewing or ingesting by a companion animal, said product comprising an extract from *S. persica* sticks, wherein said extract is effective for improving the oral health of a companion animal.
17. (Original) The product of claim 16, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of collagenous chewables, food, treats or snacks, and toys.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) The product of claim 16, wherein said product is coated with said extract.
20. (Original) The product of claim 16, wherein said product is impregnated with said extract.
21. (Original) An oral hygiene product for companion animals, wherein said oral hygiene product comprises an extract from *S. persica* sticks.
22. (Original) The oral hygiene product of claim 21, wherein said oral hygiene product is a toothbrush.
23. (Original) The oral hygiene product of claim 22, wherein bristles of said toothbrush are coated with said extract.
24. (Original) The oral hygiene product of claim 22, wherein bristles of said toothbrush are impregnated with said extract.
25. (Original) The oral hygiene product of claim 21, wherein said oral hygiene product is toothpaste.

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26. (Original) The oral hygiene product of claim 21, wherein said oral hygiene product is a medicament.